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1. The Min Sheng Industrial Company was founded by LU Cho-fu,¹ who is still the general manager at the head office in Chungking. LU began operations with one small river boat, and with the help of Szechuan merchants and government officials was able to build up a fleet of some 90 vessels, ranging in size from 40 tons to 4,000 tons. Then the Chinese Communists took over the company, most of the ships were mortgaged.
2. In September 1951, the company had six ocean-going vessels, one of which had been captured by the Chinese Nationalists. The remaining five were chartered to other companies, and were engaged in the South Seas trade, under Panamanian registration. They are the LA CAPRENA, LA COLORADA, LA CAPANA, LA CHOPERA, and LA CARMELA.
3. TSUNG Chih-hu (宋之虎) is manager of the China branch of the Min Sheng Industrial Company. The manager of the New York office, which comes under the Ming Sung² Canada Limited, is WONG Si-chung.² Ming Sung Canada Limited owns the FU MEN, YU MEN, and YIN MEN, aluminum ships originally built for Yangtze service but now operating between Hong Kong and Canton. In early September, the authorities in Canton detected one of these, vessels, believed to be the YU MEN, engaged in smuggling narcotics. Ming Sung Canada Limited also owns four smaller ships under Canadian registration; the SHIH MEN, LUNG MEN, CHIEN MEN, and CHI MEN.
4. C. C. YOUNG (YANG Ch'eng-chih (楊成質)) is manager of the Hong Kong branch of Min Sheng Industrial, and LI Yee-chung² is business manager. This branch claims to be independent of the Chungking office, and not under Chinese Communist control. This is not the case, and the branch is controlled by the China headquarters.

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